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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: GT, BH, UK, PBOR

SUBJECT: GUATEMALA-BELIZE DISPUTE

1. UK FOREIGN MINISTER OWEN HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION INFORMATION WHICH COULD MEAN THAT GUATEMALA MAY BE PREPARING FOR IMMINENT MILITARY ACTION AGAINST BELIZE. IN ADDITION, RECENT STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GOG GIVE UK CONCERN THAT GUATEMALA MAY TAKE PROVOCATIVE ACTION.

2. WITHOUT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO BRITISH REPORTS YOU SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR PRUDENCE AT THIS TIME. REMIND HIM OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

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OF DISPUTE OVER BELIZE, AND REFER TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY AT GRENADA IN WHICH IT WAS AGREED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO FIND A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION BEGINNING WITH THE TALKS BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND UK THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON. INFORM MOLINA THAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE BRITISH THAT THEY ARE TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE TO AVOID ANY PROVOCATION WHICH COULD EXACERBATE THE SITUATION OR

AFFECT THE TALKS. THEY ARE APPROACHING THE TALKS IN THAT SPIRIT AND ARE DETERMINED TO AVOID A BREAKDOWN. WE SEE

THIS AS A POSITIVE SIGN AND HOPE IT WILL BE RECIPROCATED BY GOG.

3. FOR LONDON: INFORM OWEN OF ACTION TAKEN. TEXT OF OWEN LETTER TO SECRETARY BY SEPTTEL.

4. FOR BELIZE: THIS MESSAGE DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY ACTION ON YOUR PART.

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